

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

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Brandenberg discloses a printing press in which each printing unit has a single drive motor.

Puschnerat discloses an offset rotary printing press where a second plate cylinder of a print unit has its own drive.

Claim 1 recites a printing unit arrangement in a web-fed rotary printing press comprising:
a first printing unit, said first printing unit including

a first and second plate cylinder and a first and second blanket cylinder, said first and second blanket cylinders and first and second plate cylinders being mechanically coupled to each other and being commonly driven by a common drive motor; and

a second printing unit, said second printing unit including a first plate cylinder, a first blanket cylinder associated with said first plate cylinder, a second blanket cylinder mechanically coupled to said first blanket cylinder and a second plate cylinder associated with and being mechanically coupled to said second blanket cylinder, a first drive motor for individually driving said first plate cylinder and a second drive motor for individually driving said first plate cylinder and a second drive motor for commonly driving said first and second blanket cylinders and said second plate cylinder;

said first and second printing units printing a coloured image on both sides of a running paper web.

Puschnerat at most teaches to make all printing units of a printing press have a plate cylinder with its own drive (See Abstract). There is absolutely no teaching or disclosure in Puscherat (or Brandenburg) to provide only one printing unit of a printing press with two drive motors and to leave a second printing unit printing the same web with only drive motor. Puscherat desires two drive motors for each printing unit of a printing press, and thus taught away from the present invention.

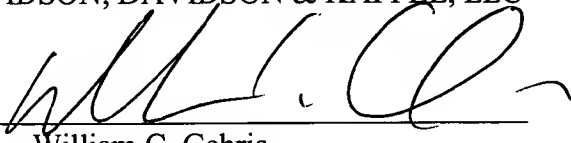
Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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